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APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 1516, asked by Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer on behalf of Sri A. R. Marimuthu at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 30th August 1961 page 342 supra.]

The Development Schemes undertaken by the Madras Fisheries Department for the welfare of the fishermen are undertaken through Fishermen Co-operative Societies. Two such societies have been formed for attending to the economic and cultural advancement of the fishermen of Adiramapattinam, Eripurakarai and Rajamadam. One society called the Karaiyar Street Sea Fishermen Co-operative Society is functioning at Adiramapattinam village. There is another society at Eripurakarai by name 'Eripurakarai Sea Fishermen Co-operative society' for the benefit of Eripurakarai and Alathikadu, a fishing hamlet of Rajamadam village. Particulars of the assistance rendered by the societies to the fishermen of the area by way of grant of loans, construction of houses, supply of fishing materials, etc., are given in the Annexure. The following additional particulars also deserve mention :—

Adiramapattinam is a prosperous and well-developed fishing village. The area where the fishermen live is within the jurisdiction of the Major Panchayat Board of that place. When the scheme for the provision of protected water-supply is finalised by the Panchayat, the fishermen residing there will also be benefited. The streets where these fishermen live have been provided with electric lighting by the Panchayat Board, Adiramapattinam. For the education of the children of fishermen, there is a Panchayat Union Elementary School and an aided High School and also a College. There is also a Government Hospital in the locality, which serves also Eripurakarai and Alathikadu, hamlet of Rajamadam.

The Eripurakarai Fishermen Co-operative Society has put up a godown-*cum*-curing shed with the financial assistance of Rs. 4,000 sanctioned to it by the Department. Fifty per cent of this amount is treated as 'subsidy' and the balance as loan repayable in ten years. There is a Panchayat Union School in Eripurakarai. The High School at Rajamadam which is just a mile from Alathikadu, serves the latter locality also. A scheme costing about Rs. 6,000 for connecting Eripurakarai with the sea by the deepening of a canal will be taken up for execution shortly. There is a metalled road connecting the village with the railway level crossing road. This is not maintained by the District Board at present on the ground that the road passes through land belonging to the Salt Department of the Government of India. The Government of India were addressed for transferring the land to the State Government and they have agreed. The Director of Fisheries is now taking up the question of maintenance of the road with the Block Development Officer concerned. A fish-curing yard is maintained in the Eripurakarai village by the Department wherefrom salt is being supplied to the fishermen at subsidised cost for curing fish. Between the village and the coast there is a vast swamp of about 400 acres which is said to be fit for conversion into salt pans. The Block Development Officer, Pattukottai, and the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Thanjavur, are exploring the possibility of organizing a salt manufacturing society with the fishermen of the village as its members. When such a society comes into existence it will be a subsidiary industry for the fishermen and will help to improve their economic condition.

ANNEXURE.

Statement showing some of the steps taken for the advancement of the fishermen of Adiramapattinam, Eripurakarai and Rajamadam of Aranthangi village, Pattukottai taluk.

Nature of assistance rendered.	*Through the Karaiyar St. Sea fishermen Co-operative Society, Adiramapattinam.*	*Through Eripurakarai Sea Fishermen Co-operative Society for the fishermen of Eripurakarai and Alathikadu (a fishing hamlet of Rajamadam).*	*Remarks.*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	RS.	RS.	RS.
(1) Long term loans.	11,050	10,000	This loan was granted during 1956–57 at an interest of 4½ per cent per annum and is repayable in four years.
		The society in its turn has disbursed it to its members for the discharge of prior debts to relieve them from indebtedness and for the purchase of craft and takle.	
(2) Number of houses constructed under the State Housing Scheme for fishermen.	12	8	The expenditure on the scheme was Rs. 17,000 as follows:—

	Adiramapattinam.	Eripurakarai and Alathikadu.
	(1)	(2)
	RS.	RS.
(a) Loan (interest free) repayable in 5 years at Rs. 300 for each fishermen.	3,600	2,400
(b) Subsidy at Rs. 550 per fishermen.	6,600	4,400
Grant total Rs. 17,000 ..	10,200	6,800

(3) Supply of fishing materials.	Cotton yarn worth Rs. 2,020 was supplied by the Depatment at 75 per cent of the cost of price.	A 30-footer boat was supplied on hire purchase system at a cost of Rs. 12,400 out of which the society has repaid Rs. 2,401.	...
(4) Import by the societies of synthetic fish net twine on the strength of the recommendation of the Department to the Joint Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Bombay.	1,251 lb.	285 lb.	The societies are eligible for 25 per cent subsidy from Government on the cost of the twine when it is actually sold to the member.